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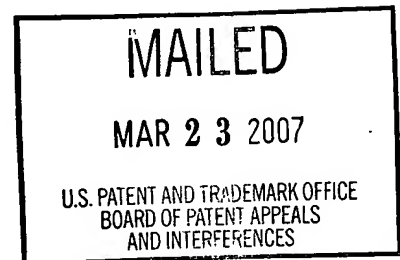
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte ROBERT J. MENENDEZ

Appeal No. 2006-3051
Application 10/040,288

Remand to the Examiner



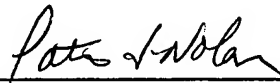
This application was electronically received in at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on August 18, 2006. A Docketing Notice was mailed and Appeal Number 2006-3051 was assigned on September 29, 2006.

A review of the application has revealed that a new Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was scanned into the electronic file and available for viewing by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 19, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner has considered the statement submitted nor notified applicant of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, the application is remanded to the examiner for consideration of this IDS and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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